

the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 984 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 523, the Douglas County, Washington, PUD Conveyance Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 985 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 762, Supporting the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week, I would have voted "aye."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall vote Nos. 983 through 985 on October 22, 2007. I was in my district attending a family funeral.

If present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 983, H.R. 189, establishing the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the state of New Jersey, "nay"; rollcall vote No. 984, H.R. 523, requiring the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 985, H. Res. 762, supporting the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week, "aye."

#### IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SPOKANE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

#### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council (GSSAC) as they celebrate 25 years of service to the Spokane community. In 1982, local policymakers and citizens joined together to take a stand against the devastation of drugs and violence. Through their efforts, GSSAC now runs programs and collaborative efforts that are empowering our youth, focusing on prevention of substance abuse and violence and solving the problem of meth abuse in our community.

At the core of the GSSAC Prevention Center mission is a desire to equip those in need with the knowledge and skills to make positive choices in their life. They work to unite and support the community through fostering positive attitudes and behaviors. Most of all, they encourage, facilitate, initiate and assist all people, groups and organizations in finding solutions to alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

Over the 25 years that GSSAC has served the greater Spokane community, they have accomplished many milestones. The staff and volunteers of GSSAC give their time and resources through a variety of programs like the Spokane County Meth Action Team, Wash-

ington Drug-Free Youth and Prevention in Practice. They also help to disseminate information about drug abuse and prevention through their Information Clearing House.

GSSAC has become a model of impact an organization can have when they invest in their community. Through the message of prevention, focusing on education, and reducing the stigma of treatment and recovery, they are teaching others that it truly does take community wide involvement to accomplish goals.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the dedicated staff and volunteers of Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council on 25 years of influential service to our community. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending them for continuing on with their vision to make Spokane a safer place to live, and raising awareness on how we can prevent substance abuse in our communities.

#### CONGRATULATING ALICE EASON BALLANCE

#### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and congratulating Alice Eason Ballance of Winsor, North Carolina. Mrs. Ballance was recently named as this year's Experience Works Prime Time Award recipient for North Carolina. This national award program honors individuals over the age of 65 who continue to make meaningful contributions in the workplace, and who best reflect the characteristics of leadership, learning, mentoring and contributing to the nation and their local communities.

Mrs. Ballance is highly deserving of this honor after a lifetime centered on helping others, particularly those who need assistance the most. She continues to work hard each day to help the poor and disadvantaged in eastern North Carolina and has realized many successes along the way.

Mrs. Ballance understood the power of voting and mounted a highly successful voter registration drive where she personally taught people to read to enable them to overcome literacy tests. Among her many accomplishments, she has helped displaced sharecroppers find housing, worked to open the welfare system to anyone who needed assistance, and developed poverty and jobs programs.

She has been recognized many times for her selfless efforts, with honors including the Long Leaf Pine Award from former North Carolina Governor James Hunt, a Community Service Award from former President Bill Clinton and the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for Extraordinary Leadership.

Today, the 88-year-old Mrs. Ballance still works 9 hours each day as the director of Kiddie World—Mary Alice Day Center overseeing the delivery of daycare services to 150 children and 25 adults. She is an energetic inspiration to all who know her. Mrs. Ballance embodies the true spirit of commitment and compassion; she has given all that she can to her community.

The communities in eastern North Carolina are better for Mrs. Ballance's efforts, so it is a great honor for me to recognize the success

and achievements of this outstanding resident of the First Congressional District of North Carolina.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. WILLIAM C. POTTER

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. William C. Potter, director of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies, CNS, at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, MIIS, for holding the first Nunn-Lugar Chair in Nonproliferation Studies.

The Cooperative Threat Reduction, CTR, Program, commonly referred to as Nunn-Lugar, was created to address the threat against global security resulting from the dissolution of the Soviet Union and loss of control over weapons of mass destruction. Just think what could have happened without Nunn-Lugar—since the program's inception in 1992 nearly 7,000 nuclear warheads and 2,000 missiles have been decommissioned. Nunn-Lugar also provides critical funding for security upgrades and conversion of many former nuclear and biological weapons facilities.

Along with Senators Sam Nunn and RICHARD LUGAR, Dr. Bill Potter has devoted his academic life to nonproliferation issues as the director of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Under Dr. Potter's leadership, the center is world renowned as a nexus for nonproliferation education, resources, and policy information. For over 9 years, the center has published The Nonproliferation Review, the leading international journal in the field, and other significant publications on various nonproliferation topics by international experts and practitioners. The center nonproliferation databases and website have become known among analysts, government experts, and the media as reliable sources of objective information on cutting-edge policy issues, as well as a broad range of technological and regime-related questions.

Dr. Potter is a global leader on nonproliferation issues. He has authored or edited 14 books and has contributed chapters and articles in over 90 scholarly books and journals. He has served as a consultant to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the RAND Corporation. His present research focuses on nuclear terrorism and on proliferation issues involving post-Soviet states. He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Council on Foreign Relations and served for 5 years on the U.N. Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Research.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Potter's work on nonproliferation and disarming weapons in the former Soviet Union and locating "loose nukes" has contributed significantly to our global security. I can think of no one more worthy of the honor of the first endowed Nunn-Lugar professorship in the world devoted to nonproliferation study than Dr. William C. Potter. It is my honor to consider Dr. Potter a friend.